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Title: **Water-Soluble Thioester and Selenoester
Compounds and Methods for Making and
Using the Same**

Reply to Requirement for Restriction

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Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed October 24, 2007.

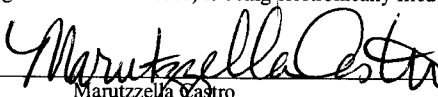
In response to the requirement for restriction the Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 60-72, without traverse.

The Applicant was also required to elect a species. In response the Applicants elect peptides as the species. As the water-soluble polymer the Applicant elects the water-soluble polymer depicted in claim 65.

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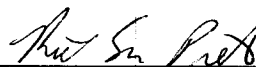
Closing

Applicants submit that the present response is complete. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions regarding the subject invention or its patentability, Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned to answer such questions or provide additional information.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in association with this response. If the Applicants are in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment that may occur during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 01-0535.

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